

**KIONA-BENTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52  
1107 GRACE AVENUE  
BENTON CITY, WASHINGTON 99320**

**Board Minutes of  
Tuesday, April 27, 2014**

Members Present:     Tim Cook, Chairman  
                          Wayne Elston, Director  
                          Leslie Johnson, Director  
                          Ivan Howard, Director  
                          Tawny Garrett, Director  
                          Kimberly Scott, Assistant Superintendent  
                          Wade Haun, Superintendent

Members Absent: None.

Visitors: See attached.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cook called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. the District Office.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

**DELEGATIONS:** Sharon Burns, with International Student Exchange addressed the Board regarding the Partnership Schools program and indicated that Kiona-Benton City School District was selected as a partnership school. Ms. Burns presented a plaque to the Board thanking the District for their participation.

Ethan Adamson and other Kiona-Benton City High School seniors presented a flyer for Board review. He indicated that the senior class would like to present the High School with a spirit rock. It would be used for promoting events such as plays, recognizing special accomplishments or a students' birthday. Ethan indicated if the gift was approved, it would be funded out of the Class of 2014 funds and a professional company would do the placement. He asked for Board and Superintendent approval and added that the leadership class would take charge of maintaining the rock. Bonnie Flanagan added that some may have seen the rock located by Southridge High School and that the class has budgeted this and would like to gift it to the school. Chairman Cook asked about the costs and Mrs. Flanagan indicated that the rock did not cost much and that most of the cost is for having it placed by a professional contractor. She indicated that it would cost around \$600 and that Ethan has done a lot of work on finding out the information regarding the project. He indicated that it was around \$100 for the rock and \$400-\$500 for the movement and placement of the rock. The Board asked questions regarding the size and maintenance of the rock. Mrs. Flanagan talked to three (3) different schools and all indicated that they have had no problems with the rocks except some graffiti and she indicated that the leadership class has committed to making sure to monitor and cover this if it happens. The class has different areas that they would like to place it, but would ask for further input if approved, but would like so that it is also accessible to the community and not have to come into the school to use it. The Board indicated that they would get back to the class the next day.

Jennifer Gilliland, presented the Board with the Class of 2014 yearbook. She indicated that the students worked really hard on it and they will again be attending yearbook camp this year as they did last year. She indicated that the students were able to design the entire theme in three (3) days and they got to work with a professional graphics designer for the cover and layout. Mrs. Gilliland stated that this year's theme was "Because we are..."

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Assistant Superintendent, Kimberly Scott presented the financial numbers of all fund activity to the Board. Ending fund balance numbers were reviewed and shared. The General Fund balance is \$2,023,203.49, Capital Projects \$121.98, Debt Service \$456,718.01, ASB \$299,038.12, Transportation \$94.38, and PILT \$71,022.41.

## **PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes from May 12, 2014

Resignations: Katie Nobile, Head HS Girls Volleyball Coach; Clark Brown, Head MS Girls Basketball Coach; Bruce Hadley, Temporary Bus Driver; Rachel Groth, HS English Teacher; Steve Woods, Freshman Advisor. New Hire: Marty Martinez, Bilingual Kindergarten Teacher; Guadalupe Hernandez Gomez, Custodian.

The following vouchers as audited and certified by the auditing officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified, as required by RCW 42.24.090, are approved for payment.

Payroll General Fund - \$1,022,803.65	Vouchers 11, 1055, 1056
AP General Fund- \$91,040.92	Vouchers 1053, 1054
AP ASB Fund - \$16,902.28	Vouchers 1053, 1054
Warrants 106627-106718	

**A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Director Elston and seconded by Director Howard.**

**Unanimous vote to approve the consent agenda with a 5/0 vote.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Cameras**

Superintendent Haun wanted to make the Board aware that cameras have been ordered for all three (3) buildings to be placed in the offices. He indicated that once they arrive, Mr. Frost and Mr. Jamieson will work on getting the installed and working properly.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Wellness Program**

Assistant Superintendent Scott indicated that in 2005, the Board adopted the Fitness and Nutrition Program, which was to be in compliance with the nutrition laws at the time. She indicated that currently with the Healthy Hungry Kids Free Act of 2010 and Competitive Food Rules of 2013, some new regulations came up that caused the District to revise their wellness policy so that the District would be competitive with foods and beverages, and have nutritional values. Assistant Superintendent Scott indicated that is also outlined what can be done for fundraiser and what teachers can do for incentives in class. She also indicated that along with the Policy 6700 revisions, the District will need to form a committee with the community, getting community involvement to help monitor and help educate on the new rules and regulations.

**A motion was made to approve revisions to Policy 6700 to be in compliance with new nutrition laws by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Garrett.**

**Unanimous vote to approve revisions to Policy 6700 to be in compliance with new nutrition laws with a 5/0 vote.**

## PRINCIPAL REPORTS

### a. KB High School

Acting Principal DiFalco indicated that they currently have several things happening at that High School. The High School play, with performances tonight and tomorrow evening, Mr. Ki Be and FFA Awards Banquet on Thursday evening, and various other awards banquets for sports. Acting Principal DiFalco stated there was a lot of good news to share. She indicated that there were several going to State Track this coming weekend and she shared the student athlete names and events with the Board as well as announced that the High School Baseball team made it to State playoffs and would be playing this coming Friday and Saturday in Yakima. Acting Principal DiFalco indicated that there is a lot going on for graduation. The Alternative Graduation is scheduled for Friday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m.; Senior class breakfast is that morning at 9:00 a.m. followed by graduation practice, and Graduation is on June 7, at 11:00 a.m. She indicated that there are End of Course exams coming up in Algebra, Biology and Geometry. These are important as students need to pass these in order to graduate and will be taking place on June 3-5, and finals the next week.

### b. KB Middle School

Principal Chuck Feth indicated that Camp Wooten starts Monday, June 2 and has been working with parents and staff to get it coordinated as well as working with the High School to get the last of the camp counselors scheduled. He indicated that MSP testing is wrapping up this week and the Middle School will also be having End of Course Algebra testing next week. Principal Feth thanked the Board for the help with the BBQ. He indicated that this past Thursday, the Middle School had a service project day with their CAVE's. Each CAVE chose an activity to give back to the community. Principal Feth indicated that the Middle School promotion ceremony is scheduled for June 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School. He indicated that Teach Scape was recently updated and he will work with other District Administrators on the process to roll out to others.

### c. KB Elementary School

Principal Bernardo Castillo-absent.

## SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT

Superintendent Haun updated the Board on the Staff Appreciation day on May 14 that was put together by Assistant Superintendent Scott and other administrative staff. He indicated that there was a great turnout and plaques and other gifts were presented to staff for years of service and to show the Districts appreciation for all the good things that the staff do each and every day. Superintendent Haun indicated that he had a good time and was able to meet and get to know more staff. He congratulated the track and baseball teams for their fine performances. Superintendent Haun indicated that they are working on policy for curriculum adoption and updating other policies.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Neil Isley indicated that he was there and he wanted to state that he supports the School Board and the decisions they have made. He also stated he supported Wade Haun and thinks he is doing a good job.

Clark Carlson stated he wanted to start out by thanking the Board for the interaction after the previous Board meeting. He indicated that he learned a lot about the Board and their character. Mr. Carlson also indicated that he learned something that he wanted to know for a long time, and that is what the Board's plan was. He indicated what he learned was that the Board planned to undo everything that was done in the past seven (7) years. Chairman Cook indicated that he did not state that, but Mr. Carlson said those were his exact words. Mr. Carlson indicated that what he has been asking for is what is the plan and how is the District moving forward from where it is. He stated that he had hoped that the Board would have an open public meeting to discuss this as it is not an executive meeting sort of discussion. Mr. Carlson stated that there are several people in the District, including teachers, administrators, and people in the public that have a lot of good

ideas. He indicated that it would be great if the Board could incorporate everything these people have and sift through it to find what works well and what doesn't work well. Mr. Carlson thinks the public would be very happy even if they didn't agree with everything, because there are a lot of things he thinks they could agree on and only a few that they wouldn't. He stated that they want the schools to succeed. Mr. Carlson requested that the Board have a public meeting with staff and public input and this would get them a long ways in being proud of our schools. Mr. Carlson also requested that the Board read the Bullying policy again and pay special attention to the behaviors and expressions, and let me know what you think about it. Chairman Cook stated that he is proud of our school right now and that on his own, he stated that it is really hard to answer questions to Mr. Carlson because he feels he is being bullied anytime anyone says anything to him. Chairman Cook stated that if Mr. Carlson has any questions he wants answered from here on out, to write them on a piece of paper and give them to the Board. He continued by stating that the Board will no longer interact with Mr. Carlson because the Board cannot talk to him without being accused of being bullied.

Donna Johnson started a petition and stated that she support the School Board and the Superintendent and asked that if anyone wanted to sign it, they could. She stated that she thinks the Board is doing a great job and that the bullying has gone down since the Board came in. She stated that her daughter was bullied for two (2) years straight and she loves school now. Mrs. Johnson thanked the Board for everything they have done, she appreciates it, and if anyone wants to sign the petition to do so.

Colleen Isley stated that she has three (3) kids that attend this school district and that she supports the Board and Superintendent, and their decisions.

Kelly Wheeler addressed the Board and stated she could repeat everything that was said but that she has already told them that. She indicated that it is not easy doing what the Board does; it is not easy being put in a position where you can't discuss personnel matters with the public. Although, as parents she stated they would like answers but recognize that the Board is following laws set regarding personnel issues and that she respects that. Mrs. Wheeler indicated that the Board was voted in and she has to believe they are doing what is right. She also wanted to piggyback on what Superintendent Haun stated about the baseball team and indicated that they made it to the top four (4) and would be playing in Yakima on Friday at 4:00 p.m. and she encouraged the Board to go and support the boys because it was a huge accomplishment as most of them were just being born the last time Ki-Be made it this far in 1997. Mrs. Wheeler indicated that she and Becki Deaton got together and had some t-shirts made to support the team and are only charging what the cost of was to make them which was \$13 each. She indicated that the shirts should be done by Thursday and that she would be at the school on Friday deliver them or Becki Deaton would have some available at Thursday's practice. Mrs. Wheeler repeated that the shirts were available for \$13 cash only and that clear records were being kept and this was not to raise money, but to show support of the team.

Josh Clary indicated that he is a proud Ki Be alumni, Go Bears! He stated that he wanted Mr. Haun to know that he thinks he is doing a fantastic job and he supports the Board and all their decisions. He stated that they were doing a great job.

Joni Ashley and Ruby Davis spoke in the absence of Bernardo Castillo and invited the Board to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Kindergarten graduations on June 10 with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade ceremony at 8:30 a.m. and Kindergarten at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Ashley indicated there will be a 5<sup>th</sup> grade reception in the Multipurpose following the ceremony and thanked Principal Feth for the use of the Middle School gym. Mrs. Davis also wanted to thank the Board for all everything that they have done for them and for the staff appreciation gathering; it was amazing.

Tristan Renz shared with the Board that as of that morning, the students of Ki Be compiled a list of over 150 signatures in support of Mrs. DiFalco. He indicated that as last week, Mrs. DiFalco was told that she would not continue the position as principal for next year, and was only offered the position of the Vice Principal. Tristan indicated that this meant a pay cut and demotion, and that he felt this was unfair to her as she has done such a great job. He indicated that she has increased the atmosphere between the staff and teachers and we have heard teachers get up in past meetings and say what a great job she is doing. He stated that on behalf of the students of Ki Be they would like submit the petition to the Board to appeal the decision to not continue Mrs. DiFalco's position as principal.

Ms. Sanchez stated that she supported Wade Haun as Superintendent and the School Board, and that she sees a lot of positive that they have done and appreciates them.

Teresa Hall stated that the Board and Superintendent are awesome and have her backing.

Heidi Arnn stated that she agrees with what most everyone has said and that the Board has done great; especially with all of the negative things that have been going on. She thanked them and indicated that they are appreciated.

Roger Schmick spoke and indicated that he taught at Ki Be for over 15 years and new Mr. Haun way back in baseball and in school. He stated that he supported all of the Board and they are doing a fantastic job. He has been coming to meetings for quite a few years and to keep up the good work. It is fun to come to the meetings and see former students. Mr. Schmick told the Board to hang in there; it is working well.

Heidi stated that she has two (2) kids in the District and supports the Board and everything they are doing.

Matt stated that he has two (2) kids in the District and appreciates everything the Board are doing and is not going to turn his back on them now.

**CONVENED**

At 7:31 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 30 minutes with no business to follow. Executive session started at 7:50 p.m. after a short break. Executive session was extended.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Regular board meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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